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22 to 27 December. No air activity was observed. On 27 December, 21 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were counted on the landing field.

28 December. Between 1025 and 1540, MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s, [redacted] made individual local flights of 4 to 6 minutes duration.

29 December to 3 January. No air activity was observed.

1 and 2 January. It snowed for the first time. The snow cover of about 2 cm was not cleared. The snow was only brushed off from the wings of the aircraft of the alert flight.

4 January. Between 1020 and 1628, 5 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s, [redacted] made local flights of 50 to 60 minutes duration. The aircraft took off toward the west, subsequently crossed over the field in the opposite direction and approached for landing from the east. During air activity, the alert flight was paraded as usually between the two taxiways extending from the eastern end of the runway toward the south. The jet engines of the alert flight were repeatedly run up to full power for 5 to 6 minutes.

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5 to 10 January. There was no air activity. On 10 January, about 11 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were seen in the southeastern corner of the landing field in addition to the alert flight. The hangar doors were closed and the windows covered with frost. ¹

2. On 10 January, the following observations were made with regard to the radio installations at the field:

The radio installation of one mast located in the flying lane east of the field was unchanged. The Token-type radar set was seen at the northern edge of the landing field and the Dumbo-type radar set, the umbrella-shaped antenna and the Fishnet-type radar set were seen in the southeastern corner of the field. The radio installation of five masts was seen at its previous location west of the flight control tower. There was a single mast next to the main guard and a rod antenna on its roof. The umbrella-shaped antenna east of the vinegar factory was unchanged. ²

3. On 8 January, a column of platoon strength marched from the airfield towards the direction of the firing range. Rifle firing and detonations from hand grenades were later heard from that direction.
4. German craftsmen were, allegedly, employed for maintenance work on the barracks buildings.
5. Railroad tank cars observed arriving at the field included, 5 at 0930 on 21 December, 3 on 5 January and 2 on 8 January.

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